

Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:30pm  
Town Hall Meeting Room

This meeting was videotaped and can be viewed on Channel 79 or on our Town of Weston Website.

- 1- **Call to Order** – First Selectman Chris Spaulding called the meeting to order at 7:30. Also present were Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Selectman Samantha Nestor, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz and Weston Residents.
- 2- **Pledge of Allegiance** led by John Conte
- 3- Selectman Nestor moved to add the following business items to tonight's meeting agenda: A) Discussion about establishing a civility policy that would apply to all appointed board and commission members; B) Discussion/decision to appoint Thomas Burke to the Veterans Committee for a term to end June 30, 2021; and C) Discussion/decision to establish a temporary Public Works Advisory Board. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4- **Discussion/decision to appoint Thomas Burke to the Veteran's Committee for a term to end June 30, 2021.** Mr. Burke stated he felt it is natural fit and has been very impressed with what the committee has accomplished. Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Thomas Burke to the Veteran's Committee for a term to end June 30, 2021. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5- **Discussion/decision to hire John Conte as Public Work Director effective October 19, 2019** Mr. Conte shared with the Board his education, accomplishments and many years of work experience in both the public and private sector. Selectman Nestor moved to hire John Conte as Public Work Director effective October 19, 2019 at Grade 14, Step 10. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6- **Discussion/decision regarding appointing Holly Charlesworth to the Conservation Commission for a term to end December 31, 2021.** Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Holly Charlesworth to the Conservation Commission for a term to end December 31, 2021. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7- **Discussion/decision to accept the resignation of Denis Toner from the Library Board, effective October 7, 2019.** Selectman Nestor moved to accept the resignation of Denis Toner from the Library Board, effective October 7, 2019. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8- **Discussion/decision to review the bylaws of the Weston Library Board.** Mr. Luiz explained the history. Mr. Luiz proposed that he meet with representatives of the Library Board for purpose of discussing some sections of the bylaws that he believes may conflict with the Town Charter. Library Board member Amy Sanborn also spoke about the history of revisions to the bylaws. First Selectman Spaulding said he needs time to review and make sure the bylaws do not conflict with the Town Charter. NO MOTION
- 9- **Discussion/decision to approve a Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget Review Schedule.** Selectman Grozinger moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget Review Schedule as presented. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10- **Discussion/ decision to approve property tax refunds.** Selectman Nestor moved to approve the property tax refunds as presented. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- 11- **Discussion/decision to establish a temporary Public Works Advisory Board:** First Selectman Spaulding explained that he and the Town Administrator feel that an advisory board be beneficial. Selectman Grozinger moved to establish a temporary Pubic Works Advisory Board of up to 5 members charged with making recommendations concerning Public Works and Transfer Station policies, procedures and operations. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 12- **Discussion about establishing a civility policy that would apply to all appointed board and commission members.** First Selectman Spaulding explained this policy would apply to the way some boards deal with citizens, staff and fellow board members. Selectman Nestor spoke about the importance of civility and referred to a civility policy that the BOE follows. Selectman Grozinger suggested to see if Roberts Rules has a section on civility. NO MOTION
- 13- **First Selectman's update on current road milling and paving work.** First Selectman Spaulding stated the milling has been completed. Mr. Luiz reviewed the paving schedule for this month.
- 14- **First Selectman's update on the BETA Group's Pavement Management Services.** First Selectman Spaulding provided a brief update on BETA Group's work with the First Selectman, Town Administrator, John Conte, Jeff Farr and Ted von Rosenvinge.
- 15- **Minutes approval.** Selectman Grozinger moved to approve the unapproved Board of Selectmen minutes from October 3, 2019. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 16- **Adjournment** Selectman Grozinger moved to adjourn at 8:28pm. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.